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METHOD

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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On the cover of the printed patent, at Item (75), Inventors, after "38119" delete "; **David L. Smith**, Tiburon, CA (US)". A request to delete David Smith as an inventor was made in a Preliminary Amendment filed on August 9, 2004 and in a Response to Ex Parte Quayle, page 7, filed on July 31, 2007. Deletion of David L. Smith as an inventor was confirmed in a Miscellaneous Action mailed to Applicant on November 27, 2007.

At column 21, lines 44-45 (claim 7, lines 11-12) of the printed patent, "said first auction" should be "said auction".

At column 24, line 28 (claim 54, line 1) of the printed patent, "bidder" should be ---seller---.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that a Certificate of Correction issue in the above-identified patent as follows:

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Entry of this Certificate of Correction is appropriate as it is respectfully submitted that the Certificate of Correction is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 255, since the claim language being corrected is a mistake of a clerical or typographical nature or a mistake of minor character, and the requested correction neither constitutes new matter nor requires reexamination. *See Arthocare Corp. v. Smith & Nephew, Inc.*, 74 USPQ2d 1749 (Fed. Cir, May 10, 2005; *see also Central Admixture Pharm v. Advanced Cardiac*, No. 2006-1307 (Fed. Cir. Apr. 3, 2007).

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